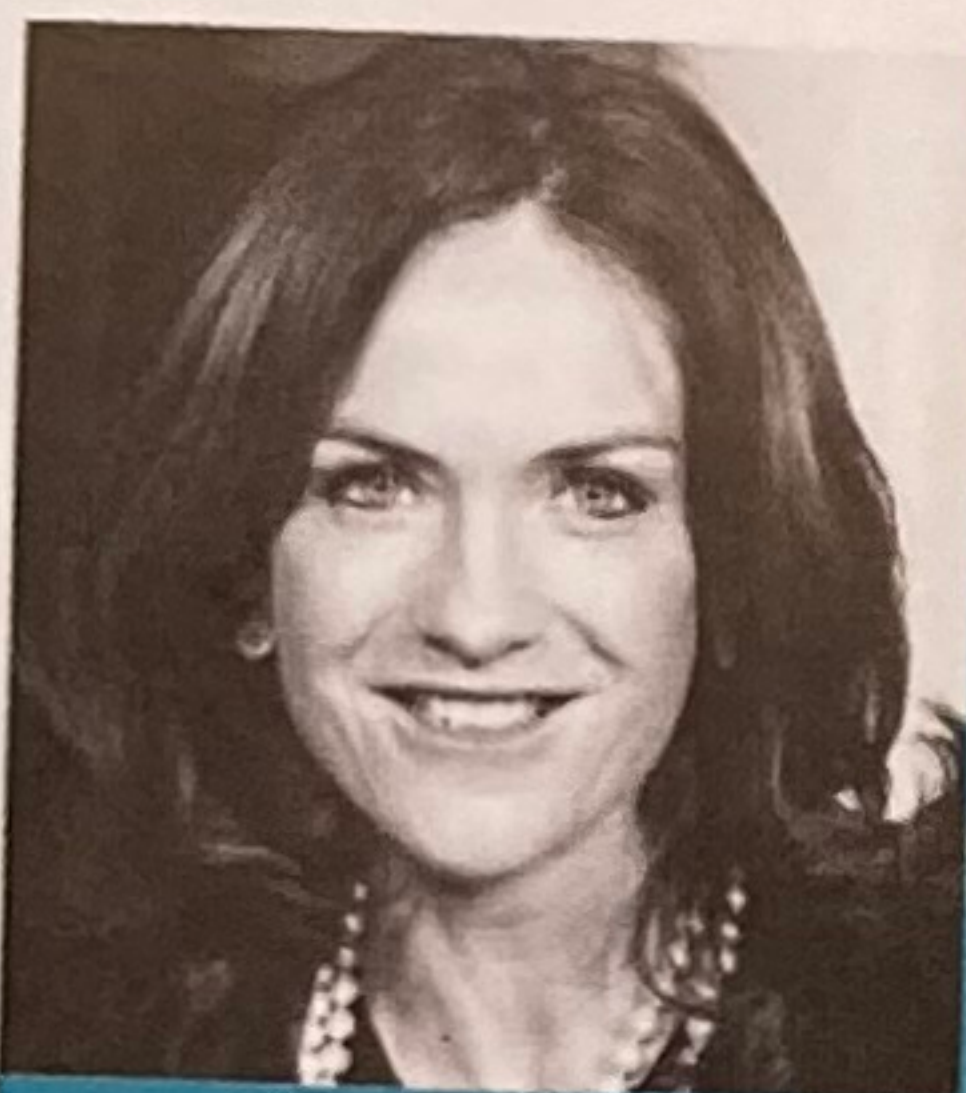


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Stamp Suggestion Programme 2028

Collectors, we want to thank you for your suggestions for the 2027 Stamp Programme. We are now looking for suggestions for the **2028 Stamp Programme**. If you have any ideas or topics that you'd like to be considered, simply send it to us at: stampideas@anpost.ie or post to An Post Stamp Design, EXO Building, North Wall Quay, Dublin 1, D01 W5Y2. The closing date for suggestions is 17th April 2026.

Dear Collector

Welcome to our second Collector's Magazine for 2026!

Our topics - Women Medics, Protecting Nature, Irish Traveller History and Culture - all highlight aspects of Irish history and heritage that remain relevant to our society, now and for the future. Also, a new European Definitive stamp features artwork from one of Ireland's foremost artists.

Even after it finally became legal for women to earn medical licenses, in late nineteenth century Ireland, they faced numerous hurdles in their careers. Despite this, women medics have contributed hugely to the Irish medical landscape. This includes four remarkable women who feature on our Women Medics stamps (issuing 5th March).

Among some of the gravest pressures on our ecology are wildfires and water pollution, both harmful human activities which directly threaten our plants and animals. In recognition of the awareness raising and frontline work carried out by National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), our stamps (issuing 7th May) feature a strong message to 'Protect Nature'.

Irish Travellers are a distinct ethnic group within Ireland and have been formally recognised as such by the Irish State since 2017. Our Irish Traveller History and Culture stamps (issuing 14th May) recognise key aspects of Traveller identity including nomadism and traditional crafts, as well as their activism.

The new European "E" rate Definitive stamp booklet features the art of Evie Hone. This is the final stamp in the "Art on a Stamp" Definitive series.

This Collector's selection of stamps is not just visually arresting, but thought-provoking. Through the annual stamp programme, we recognise three essential elements of Ireland, Irishness, and our collective heritage!

Aileen Mooney
An Post Stamps

Irish Traveller History and Culture

This unique stamp issue of two strikingly graphic stamps recognises and honours the rich culture, heritage, and identity of the Traveller community in Ireland.

This is the first time that Irish Traveller History and Culture have featured on Irish stamps - since being formally recognised by the Irish state as a distinct ethnic group in 2017. On that occasion, then-Taoiseach Enda Kenny said: 'It is a historic day for our Travellers and a proud day for Ireland.'

Our stamps reference key aspects of Traveller history and culture, including their heritage of nomadism, their long tradition of engaging in craftwork and other economic activities, and their distinct use of language. They also reference the many people who have engaged in activism to promote equal rights for Travellers and to improve their wellbeing and status in Ireland, while working within Traveller communities.



IRISH TRAVELLER HISTORY AND CULTURE FDC
Code: 2607FDC Price: €5.20

In their own language - known as 'Cant' or 'Gammon' - Travellers call themselves 'Mincéir' or 'Pavee.' These words, take pride of place on these important stamps, alongside the image of a cup or 'ponger' made using Travellers' traditional tin smithing skills, and a bright-painted covered wagon, summoning the Traveller relationship to both nomadism and home.



IRISH TRAVELLER HISTORY AND CULTURE 'N' PAIR
Code: 2607ST Price: €3.70

Technical Specifications	
Issue Date	14/05/2026
Design	Atelier David Smith
Value and Quantity	N x 2 (71k)
Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 196gsm Self-adhesive
Make-up	Sheet of 4
Colour & Finish	CMYK, PMS 2174 (Blue), Bright Orange, Spot Gloss Varnish, Phosphor tagging
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

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Women Medics

Before the reform of the Medical Act in 1876, Irish women could not qualify to work as medics.

In 1877, the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland became the first institution in Britain and Ireland to allow women to take licensing exams. In 1885, the Royal College of Surgeons of Ireland followed them.

For many years, women medics in Ireland faced significant challenges, including outright discrimination and limited opportunities to progress. Despite this, women medics in Ireland made enormous contributions to medicine and, gradually, their working environment improved. In Ireland today, about 40% of doctors are women.

In 2026, An Post honours some of the great women medics of Ireland. They are:

Doctor Emily Winifred Dickson (1866 -1944), who in 1893 became the first female Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.

Doctor Kathleen Lynn (1874-1955) who, together with Madeleine ffrench-Mullen, co-founded St. Ultan's Infant Hospital in 1919. Having faced considerable discrimination herself, Lynn ensured that all the managers at the hospital were women. Among other things, St Ultan's was the first hospital in Ireland and Britain to provide the BCG vaccination.

WOMEN MEDICS FDC

Code: 2605FDC **Price:** €12.20



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Doctor Rhona Mahony, a specialist in fatal foetal abnormalities and maternal medicine, who from 2012-2018 served as the first woman Master of the National Maternity Hospital, an incredibly significant milestone in Irish obstetrical history.

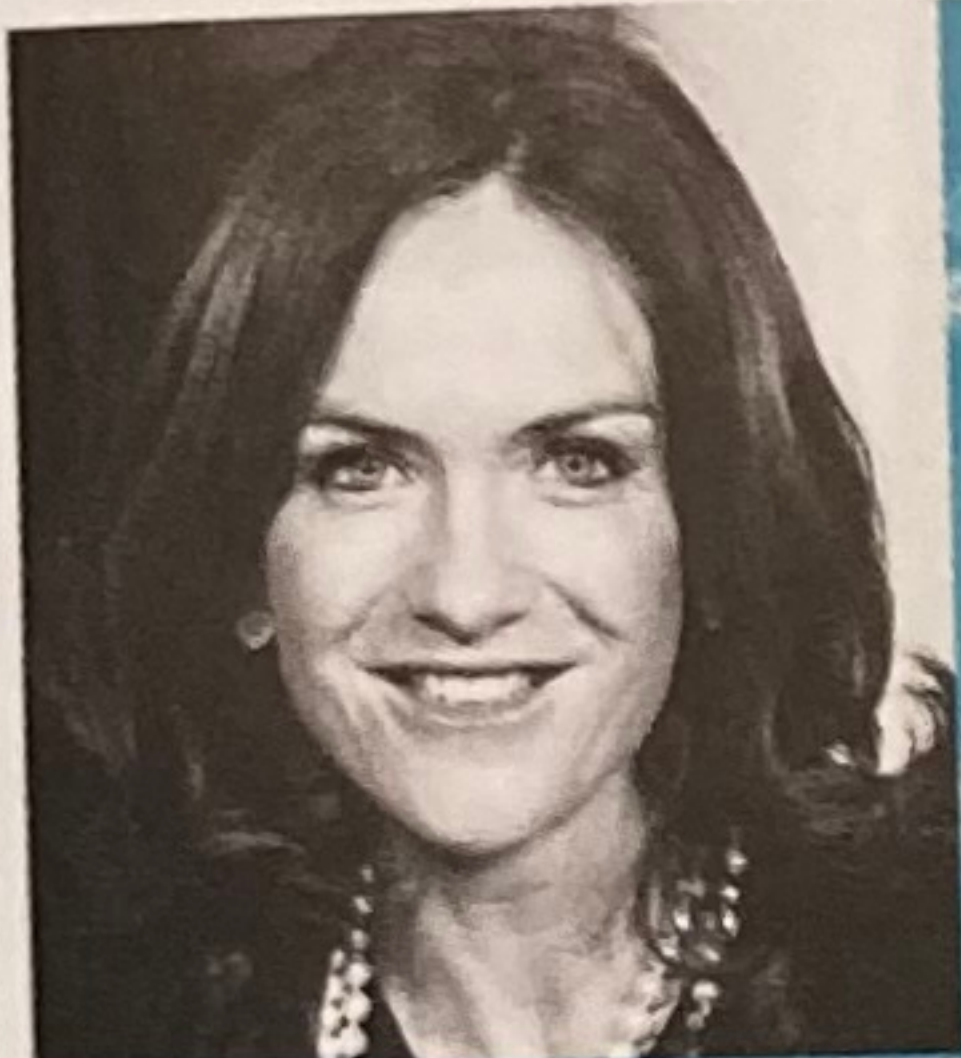
Professor Janice Walshe, the national principal investigator for major international trials in breast cancer. Her work has led to

new, innovative trials for patients, and to research opportunities to many professionals working in this area.

With a colour scheme suggesting surgical scrubs, and timeless black-and-white photography, our pioneering medics appear alongside images suggesting their specialties.

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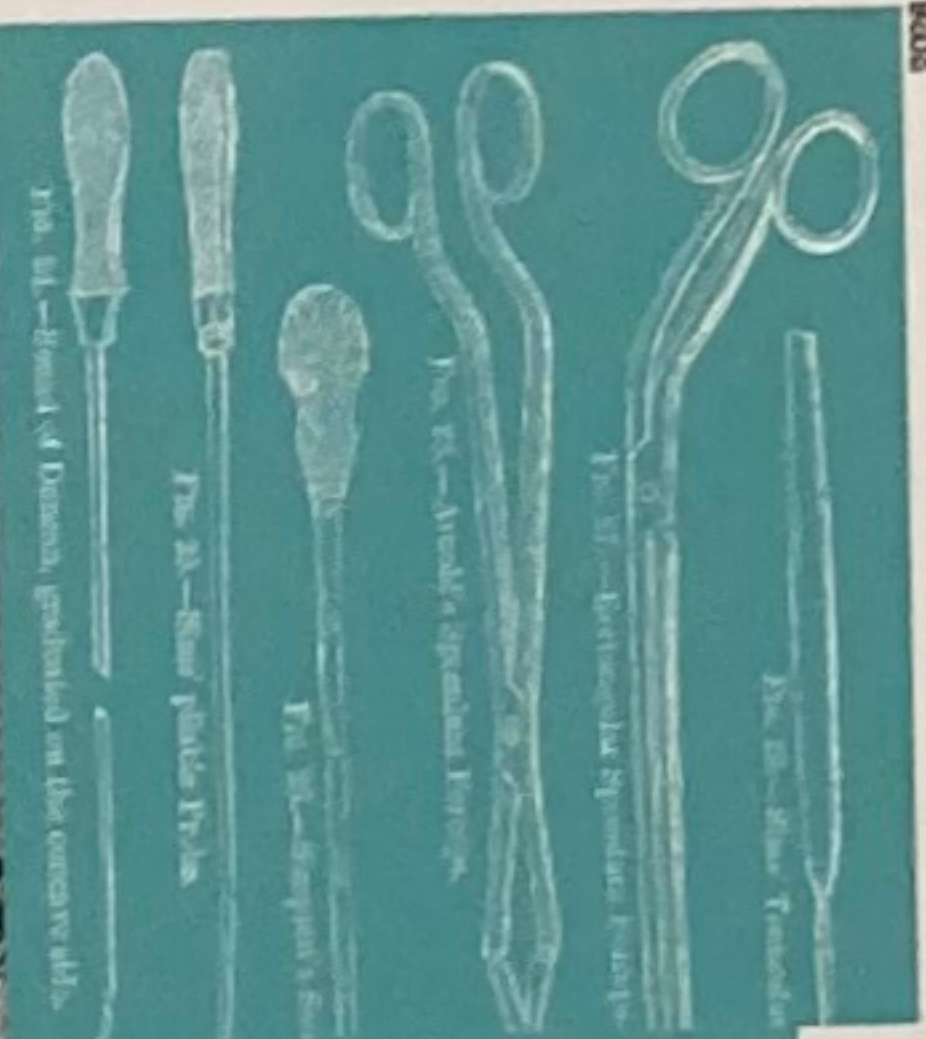
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WOMEN MEDICS 'N' PAIR
Code: 2605NST Price: €3.70

WOMEN MEDICS 'E' PAIR
Code: 2605EST Price: €7.00



Technical Specifications	
Issue Date	05/03/2026
Design	Design HQ
Values and Quantities	N x 2 (71k), E x 2 (59k)
Size	51mm x 30mm
Paper	TR 196gsm Self-adhesive
Make-up	N Sheet of 4, E Sheet of 4
Colour & Finish	Black, PMS 3265 (Blue-Green), PMS 7467 (Blue), PMS 2727 (Purple-Blue), PMS 3145 (Blue), PMS 877 (Silver), Phosphor tagging
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

Protect Nature

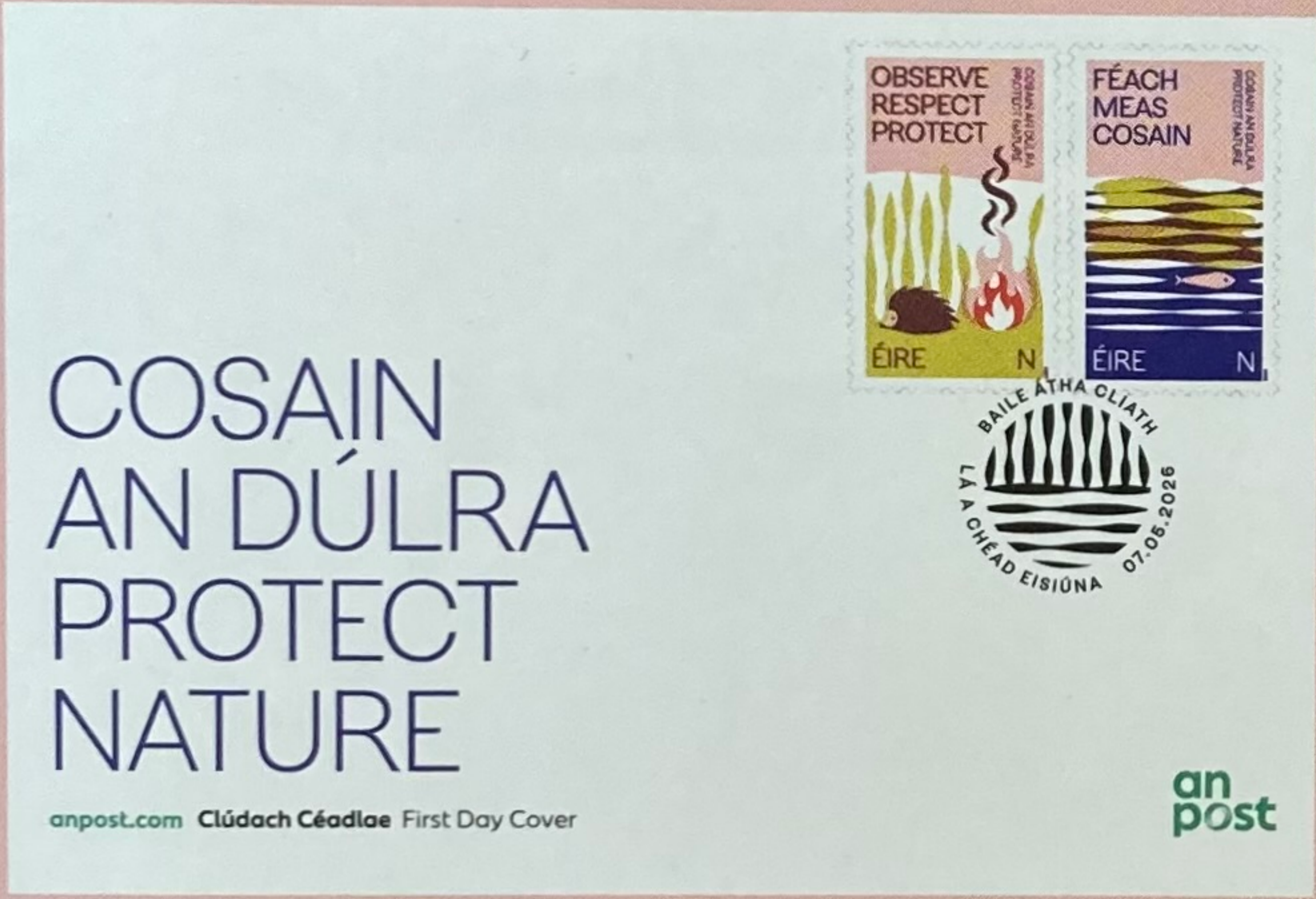
Ireland's National Parks are managed by the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS). Providing park visitors with access to some of the most stunning, varied landscapes in Ireland, they protect our unique geography and ecology for future generations. NPWS provides stewardship and a vision for the future.

Two of the biggest threats of human origin to our environment are wildfire and pollution. The NPWS is actively taking steps to change this. This includes setting up a dedicated Unit for Wildlife Crime, to investigate wildfires made by people, either accidentally or on purpose, and water pollution.

With a colour palette inspired by nature, our stamps focus on our rich ecology, the challenges it faces because of human activities, and how we can protect it.

Each stamp speaks of one of the main two habitats: land and water, and important life forms: mammals and aquatic life, represented here by a hedgehog and a freshwater fish. They indicate nature's richness, and the chief threats posed by human interventions.

These special stamps stand alongside other forms of education and outreach, asking people to respect and protect nature for our own sake, and for all our generations to come.



PROTECT NATURE FDC
Code: 2606FDC Price: €5.20



PROTECT NATURE 'N' PAIR
Code: 2606ST Price: €3.70

Technical Specifications	
Issue Date	07/05/2026
Design	CI Studio
Value and Quantity	N x 2 (71k)
Size	30mm x 51mm
Paper	TR 196gsm Self-adhesive
Make-up	Sheet of 4
Colour & Finish	PMS 072 (Blue), PMS 1817 (Brown), PMS 172 (Red), PMS 7758 (Green), PMS 2337 (Pink), Phosphor tagging
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé

'E' Definitive Stamp

Evie Hone (1894-1955) was one of the most prominent Irish artists of her generation and remains one of Ireland's most highly regarded artists to this day, whose work can be seen in major galleries and in private collections.

Following a childhood in Dublin, Hone studied art in London and worked in London and Paris. After spending a period in an Anglican convent, she returned to a newly independent Ireland in the 1920s.

Dublin, where Hone worked, was an exciting place for artists at the time. Although Ireland was still developing, by western European standards, artists were doing innovative work in a wide variety of genres. Hone is considered to have been a pioneer of Cubism in Ireland, at a time when this was an innovative approach to art typified by the work of Pablo Picasso and other major artists of the day.

But it is as a stained-glass artist, and as a landscape painter, that Hone did some of her finest work, drawing on both Ireland's rich tradition of religious and mythological iconography, and emerging modernist aesthetics. In 1939, she won the first prize for stained glass at the World Fair in New York, with her piece My Four Green Fields, which can now be seen in Ireland's Government Buildings.

E is for Europe

Our new 'E' stamp is priced at €3.50 and covers letters up to 100g, no larger than C5 (235 x 162 x 5 mm). Pop it on your envelope with the return address on the top left corner and you're set for delivery to all European addresses (including Britain). It's an easy way to share news or send that special note right across the continent.

In honour of Hone's rich legacy and enormous contribution to art in Ireland, we have issued a new stamp featuring one of her works, a painting titled Wicklow Landscape. With bold lines and muted autumnal shades, it captures Hone's mastery of form, her love for Ireland, and her capacity to locate the sacred in the everyday.

EVIE HONE 'E' DEFINITIVE STAMP PAIR

Code: 26DSAS Price: €7.00



Technical Specifications

Issue Date	03/02/2026
Design	Zinc Design Consultants
Values and Quantities	E (300k)
Size	Stamp 24mm x 20mm, Booklet 85mm x 53mm
Paper	TR 246gsm Self-adhesive
Make-up	Stamp Pair Booklet of 10
Colour & Finish	CMYK, Phosphor tagging, Lacquer (outside)
Printing Process	Lithography
Printer	Royal Joh. Enschedé



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The Spring Stamp and Collectors Fair takes place in the R.D.S. on Sunday 26th April, in RDS Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. 11am to 5pm, Anglesea Road entrance. This is a must visit show for all collectors and a chance to fill in the gaps in your collection.



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5	05/03/2026	Women Medics 'N' Pair	2605NST	EA		€3.70	
5	05/03/2026	Women Medics 'E' Pair	2605EST	EA		€7.00	
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5	05/03/2026	Women Medics FDC	2605FDC	EA		€12.20	
6	07/05/2026	Protect Nature 'N' Pair	2606ST	EA		€3.70	
6	07/05/2026	Protect Nature 'N' Sheet of 4	2606ST	S2		€7.40	
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